

# THE LEDGER.

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# THE LEDGER.

Until January 1st, 1887.

For 35 Cents!

NOW IS YOUR TIME!

REMEMBER THE BOLTERS.

DON'T FORGET THE SCRATCHERS.

SCRATCHERS should be remembered.

YOU could tell how they voted by looking at their backs.

THERE are Democrats and Democrats in Audrain county.

Those who encouraged scratching the ticket should be remembered.

This is the end of politics. Now for business. Let the dead past bury the dead.

President Cleveland has designated Thursday, November 25th, as Thanksgiving day.

Men who have lived off the Democratic party for years encouraged scratching the ticket.

The CARTER men all voted for Hutton but the Hutton men did not return the compliment.

It is "DEMOCRAT" who scratched the ticket should even be allowed to come into another primary.

A CHICAGO paper publishes a poem on "The Death of Love." But love never dies in Chicago; it is only divorced.

A MICHIGAN man discovered natural gas on his farm the other day, and touched a match to it. The farm and the gas are still there.

It is rather a funny sight to see Democrats working at the polls to have the Democratic nominees scratched.

Such Democrats should be remembered.

The Democratic roosters are so noisy that Mr. Blaine is straining his ears in vain to catch the sound of a Mugwump voice calling him to the White House.

NOMINEES will always run behind a ticket as long as there are Democrats who think more of their own judgment than that of the party in convention assembled.

It must have been a little confusing to Mr. Blaine to arrive in Pittsburgh while a business revival, almost in the middle of a Democratic administration, was going on.

With a Washington monument more than 500 feet high, and a statue of Liberty more than 300 feet high, the republic of the United States may be said to be doing as well as could be expected.

THE Saline County Democrat is fifteen years old and one of our most reliable and enthusiastic Democratic exchanges. It is inclined to be an offensive partisan, but we like it that much the better.

"DEMOCRATS" go to the polls and scratch a nominee. They then go out on the street and blow about a nominee running behind. This is a fine way to keep a party organization intact. Away with such Democracy.

WE LEARN that a prominent ex-Greenbacker, of Martinsburg, who went into the Democratic primaries and publicly pledged himself to support the ticket, spent election day working against the nominees of the party.

TWO cows that fired Chicago belonged to Mrs. O'Leary. The cow supposed to have brought the pleuropneumonia to Chicago belonged to Mrs. Kelly. It will be strange if some Illinois statesman does not bring into the Fifty-fifth Congress a bill forbidding ladies to own cows in the United States.

IN THIS issue of the LEDGER will be found an interesting article concerning J. G. Wilson, brother of E. N. Wilson, of this place, which shows clearly the dangers any express messenger is subject to. No young man stands better among those who know him than J. G. Wilson, of Moberly, and even the Express Co. does not accuse him of anything wrong. He is the victim of circumstances, and unless the thief confesses, cannot prove himself innocent.

IN THIS week's LEDGER will be found the law card of F. R. Jesse, one of Mexico's most promising young men. Frank is a graduate of our public school, has a diploma from William Jewell College, from which he also carried off the Debaters' Medal, and is also a graduate of the law department of the State University. He will make his mark in the legal world. Young members of the bar cannot receive too much encouragement from their friends and the public.

A STRONG Firm.

BOWLING GREEN, Mo., Oct. 30.

Judge Elijah Robinson, whose term as Judge of this judicial circuit will expire next January, and Mr. John Farrell, whose term as County Clerk, of Pike, expires this first of January also, have formed a partnership for the practice of law. Judge Robinson will reside in Louisiana, and Mr. Farrell will have an office in this city. This will be one of the strongest law firms in the State. Judge Robinson before he went on the bench six years ago enjoyed the most extensive and lucrative practice of any one that ever practiced at the bar in this county and circuit.

## PERILS OF THE EXPRESSMAN.

A Remarkable Case of Express Robbery wherein the Suspected Messenger is Not Guilty--J. G. Wilson the Persecuted Man.

Sunday's *Globe Democrat*, in citing a number of instances where express messengers were suspected of robbing their companies and afterwards proven innocent, mentions one in particular that will prove of interest to the people of Mexico, as the gentleman is known here, and is a brother of Mr. E. N. Wilson, the ticket agent at the Union Depot in this city. The subject of the sketch is J. G. Wilson, of Moberly, who is known to everybody as an upright, honest man, belonging to a highly respected family, but in this particular instance happened to be a victim of circumstances--the unfortunate messenger who was the first to examine the contents of the express company's money packages, and there being \$50,000 missing the company felt it a duty to dismiss Mr. Wilson from its service, knowing at the time he was innocent. The narrative is an interesting one, hence we reproduce it:

### A REMARKABLE CASE.

There is a story that has never been told by the press, and which will show still further the perils that hang around an expressman, and that is the strange disappearance of a \$50,000 package which was shipped from New York to Chicago in a sealed safe, and the non-appearance of which several men in awkward positions that they will only be relieved from when the mystery which now surrounds the affair is cleared up. The two men specially involved in the trouble are John G. Wilson and Miles H. Jackman who were, until the loss of the money package, check clerks in the Chicago United States and Pacific Express office. As this story has most to do with Wilson a short history of his career may not be amiss. He was born in Cannonsburg, Pa., in 1851, and came West with his parents soon after the war, settling on a farm five miles from this city. Not liking farm work he applied to the agent of the United States Express Company, at Moberly, for a position. It was given to him and for five years he gave perfect satisfaction to his employer. His position was a trying one, as he was compelled to be up all day and about half of the night, but he never complained and was always ready to do his duty. At the end of that time he was given a raise in salary, and in the next two years ran between Moberly and Ottumwa, St. Louis and Kansas City, and was finally appointed messenger on the Chicago & Alton route, and took the first express run from Kansas City to Chicago over that road. After running into Chicago for some time he was given a position in the office there as money check clerk, which position he filled to the satisfaction of the company until the disappearance of the \$50,000 on the 28th day of March, 1886. The money was checked in and out of the office by four men--Jackman, Wilson, French and Stewart. On week days, from 6 to 10 a. m., all would be on duty. After that time two were sufficient to attend to the checking, and Jackman and Wilson were on duty. Sunday, the 28th of March last, Jackman was sitting in the pen at a table writing up the delivery book for the Monday morning delivery, while Wilson was checking in the messengers' runs.

### OPENING THE PACKAGE.

The practice was to check in the messengers' loose money and packages first, and afterwards check the sealed safes. Having got through with the messenger he proceeded to give his attention to the sealed safe by first examining the seal, which appeared to be all right; then he jerked it to see if the wire was unbroken, then unhooking the safe he pulled the safe open, breaking the wire and laying the contents bare. It is the rule in putting up a sealed safe to have small packages of money tied up in a bag, and the way-bills are put up in the same way with two slips of paper on which all way-bills are registered; money way-bills on one and valuable package way-bills on the other. The slips were checked first to see if the right number of way-bills were there, then the small money packages were checked. The bulky money packages were loose in the safe with the valuable packages. As Wilson checked down the money way-bill before him, he saw entered a package of \$50,000. Thinking it must be a large one he turned to and looked in the safe. Not seeing anything that looked like a package of money, he stepped back, and looking up met the gaze of Jackman, who, attracted by Wilson's stepping back, had just looked up from his work. "What are you looking for, John?" said he. "Nothing much; only a \$50,000 package and, if it is one of those large ones, from the looks of the safe, I do not think it is in there; if a small one, it should have been in the bag."

To explain Jackman's next remark it will be necessary to go a little further into the details of the business. The New York office puts up a through sealed safe for Chicago and another sealed safe for the Buffalo and Toledo route, which is opened by the messenger on that route at Buffalo, and after using the safe on his route, he re-seals it for Chicago, putting in what matter he has gathered on his run. This second safe was also in the car. Jackman, in answer to Wilson's remark, said: "Perhaps it is in the other safe."

While this conversation was going on the agent, Mr. Wygant, came into the office and walked up-stairs. Hearing him, Wilson turned, with a view of telling him of the shortage,

but the thought struck him that he had not yet looked in the other safe, and knowing that Wygant would come back that way, he did not call him, but proceeded to check up the safe. Even when it was not found in the next safe Wilson did not worry, as both money and valuable packages had been short before and turned up all right, but waited the return of Mr. Wygant, going on with the usual work. After some time Wygant returned and he was then informed of the shortage.

### A POSITIVE SHIPMENT.

After some conversation, examining the seal and looking about the pen, Wygant sent a messenger to New York asking what they knew about the package. Wilson, on going to dinner Sunday noon, told French to let him know if a dispatch came from New York. French did not get to the room until 11 p. m. Wilson asked him if any answer had been returned to the telegram. Receiving none for his answer, he then began to worry, and laid awake the best part of the night, only falling asleep in the small hours of the morning. On account of this loss of sleep he overslept himself, and when he did awake, found that it was 8 o'clock, too late to go to the office for the early rush. He woke up Baker, a messenger who roomed with him, and told him that as he was so late he would not go to the office at present, but for him to get up and they would go to the hotel for breakfast, which they did. After breakfast Wilson started to the office, and on his way met French, who told him that Wygant was anxious about him, and wanted to know why he had not got down to the office sooner. French also told him that a telegram had been received from New York, saying that the package had been put in the safe, was 7x10 inches in size, and had been placed in the right hand corner. They went to the office together, and Wilson explained his absence to Wygant. Then began interviews, questions asked and answered. Supt. Shepherd and Gen. Supt. Cone took a hand, and finally Pinkerton was called in, and the story was all gone over with again, and finally Wilson and Jackman were suspended.

### SHADOWED DAY AND NIGHT.

Pinkerton told Wilson in just a few words that he was the thief. Wilson went to Peoria to visit relatives, and while there discovered that two men were watching him. He went home to Moberly and the detective came with him. Wherever Wilson was there was the detective. Wilson knew he was a detective, and so did everyone else. They were on good terms, and remained so until last month, when the detective was ordered elsewhere. One day, shortly after the detective left, a gentleman registered at the Merchants' Hotel, Moberly, by the name of Pierce. It was soon noticed that he was taking a great interest in Wilson, and Wilson's friends told him that the man was following him. One day Wilson stepped up to him and told him that he knew who he was, and that he wanted him to stop following him; if he wished to know what he was doing he could accompany him wherever he went, but he would not suffer him to follow him. Pierce never acknowledged that he was a detective, but accepted the offer, and now they are great friends. They go to choir-meeting and sing in the choir. Pierce is a fine singer and the young ladies designate him as "Mr. Pierce, Wilson's detective." The question is, how long is this to last and who is paying for the detective? Wilson cannot get anything to do because of the cloud hanging over him. No one who knows him thinks for a moment that he had anything to do with the disappearance of the money, but some one must be sacrificed. Has Pinkerton got detectives tracing up the man who made up the sealed safe? Is he watching the messenger who carried the safe? Is he watching every man who had anything to do with any sealed safe that went out of New York on that day? The package might have been put into a safe going to some other point and there would be no check on the man who found it. This proves that the perils that surround an expressman are very great.

### With Her It Was a Tragedy.

The church which Mr. and Mrs. Topnoody attend is getting up an entertainment to raise needed funds, and Topnoody was on the committee of arrangements. The committee met the other night, and when he came home his wife was anxious to know what had been done. "Well," she said, "did you do anything?" "O yes, my dear, we outlined a programme," he said, with an air of business. "What's it like?" "Well, the chief feature is to be a play." "What play?" "Just the thing for amateurs, my dear; the pretty little three-act comedy, 'Married Life.'"

"A comedy, Topnoody?"

"Of course, and you are to be Mrs. Samuel Coddie, my dear."

"No I ain't, Topnoody," she said, frowning up till her cheeks looked like a pair of autumn leaves. "Amateur theatricals are bad enough any way you fix them, but when the amateurs are so raw that they call married life a comedy you may count me out. I'm a professional in the married-life business, and I think I know comedy from tragedy when the curtain's up. You hear my orchestra, Topnoody, and your committee may scratch my name off the list. A comedy? And with my experience? Great heavens!"

Topnoody went to bed without giving further details of the committee's work.

Wood Matthews, living west of town, had a fine horse very badly injured Sunday. The horse tackled a wire fence.

## Sore Eyes.

The eyes are always in sympathy with the body, and affect an excellent index of its condition. When the eyes become weak, and the lids inflamed and sore, it is an evidence that the system has become disordered by Scrofula, for which Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best known remedy.

Scrofula, which produced a painful inflammation in my eyes, caused me much suffering for a number of years. By the advice of a physician I commenced taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. After using this medicine a short time I was completely cured.

### Cured.

My eyes are now in a splendid condition, and I am as well and strong as ever. -- Mrs. William Gage, Concord, N. H.

For a number of years I was troubled with a humor in my eyes, and was unable to obtain any relief until I commenced using Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has effected a complete cure, and I believe it to be the best of blood purifiers. -- Mrs. C. E. Upton, Nashua, N. H.

From childhood, and until within a few months, I have been afflicted with weak and sore eyes. I have used for these complaints, with beneficial results, Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and would advise a blood purifier. -- Mrs. C. Phillips, Glover, Vt.

I suffered for a year with inflammation in my left eye. Three times formed in the eye, and each time it was cured by using Ayer's Sarsaparilla. After trying many other remedies, to no purpose, I was finally induced to use Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and

By Taking three bottles of this medicine, have been cured. My eye is now in a splendid condition, and there is no sign of inflammation, sore, or ulcer in my eye. -- Kendall T. Brown, Sugar Tree Ridge, Ohio.

My daughter, ten years old, was afflicted with Scrofulous Sore Eyes. During the last two years she was nearly blind, and her physicians of the highest standing exerted their skill, but with no permanent success. On the recommendation of a friend I purchased a bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which my daughter commenced taking. Before she had used the third bottle her sight was restored, and she can now look steadily at a brilliant light without pain. Her cure is complete. -- W. E. Sutherland, Evangelist, Shelby City, Ky.

### Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists. Price 25c; six bottles, \$2.

### FROM TEXAS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

MEXICO, Mo., Oct. 29. -- As I have just returned from Texas I thought I would write a few lines for your useful and most interesting paper. I will say to the readers of the LEDGER I shall not speak of all of Texas but will just speak of the portions that I were in. I was in Tangreen, Taylor Reynolds and Concho counties; also visited D. E. Sims' sheep ranch and also James Ridgeway & Bro. They are good old Audrain boys and have located in Concho county, on the Concho river. I found the country in a more prosperous condition than I expected to find it. The range is fine and the stock is all in good condition for winter. Farmers that sowed cane and millet have harvested about a three-fourths of a crop, grown since the 20th of August; wheat is up and growing fine; everything looks promising, but still there is but little farming done in the portions of Texas that I have spoken of. It is a new country and is still in its infancy, but is just now settling itself to the work of development. Everything that has been done in Texas has been done on horseback. The stock men are working out and the farmers are working in it; has a fruitful soil and will yield beautifully to the hand of industry. The land can be purchased at \$2 to \$3 per acre, having coal, timber and water, while along the river is pecan and elm, on the edges of the prairies is the mesquite, to represent the timber; it grows like a peach tree and bears beans which stock feed upon. Living water can be had at a depth of from ten to forty feet.

LEVI E. WINS.

### Pleasant Letter.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

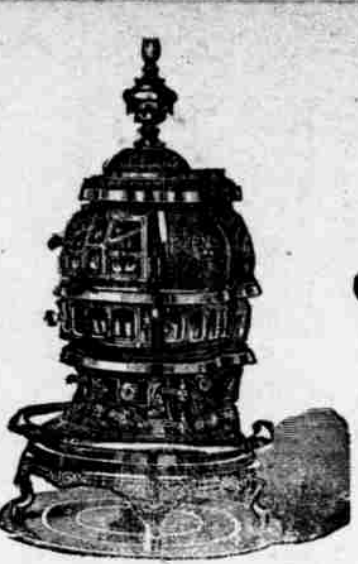
FAIRLEY, Kan., Nov. 1. -- I write to you from Fairley, near Leavenworth where I am assisting a brother in a meeting. I have just returned from a walk on the bluff. The view is very fine; we are three miles east of the Missouri river, but can see far into Kansas. Just across from us, a mile or so below Leavenworth, is the soldiers home, in plain view. Here the brave defenders of the country are fed, clothed and housed free of charge. I understand the home is open to all such who wish to come. It is a government institution. The inmates spend their time in riding around in free carriages, patronizing saloons, or saying their prayers as inclination may prompt. The government foots the bill and the farmers pay the taxes. It is glorious to have been a soldier--on the winning side. This is a great country for apples, and they are cheap--only \$1 per barrel for shipping and closely culled at that.

We have just had a regular storm at our house. As a consequence, our cellar is well supplied, the preacher wears a new overcoat and hat, and the family is living on chicken, turkey and abundance of good things. Of course it did not equal the regular deluge that flooded us at Mexico. God bless dear old Mexico, and bring this winter around that way again some day. I hope Bro. Miller will have great success, and keep the precious young people in the way of duty and usefulness. Success to you, Bob.

J. S. SMITH.

John Wells, formerly of Farber, this county, died in Mexico Sunday morning and his funeral services were conducted by Rev. Miller, from the church at 3 p. m. Monday. John was one of Audrain's most prosperous and respected farmers. He leaves a wife and three children. He had been sick for years and his death was expected. He was a consistent member of the M. E. church and died in the faith. He was also a Mason, under the auspices of which Order he was laid to rest. All who knew John were his friends and we do not think he had a single enemy. His family has the sympathy of the entire community. The Vandalia Masonic Lodge attended in a body.

Two horses belonging to Alex. Kilgore fell into an old well in North Mexico yesterday afternoon, and for a while it looked as if they would have to stay there, but after a hour or so, both of them were hauled out with little damage to either of them.



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Drugs, Paints, Oils, Window Glass, Hanging Lamps, Holiday Goods, &c.

## PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY PREPARED.

J. F. LLEWELLYN, WEST SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE, MEXICO MISSOURI.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT--NOTICE is hereby given that I, as administrator of the estate of Granville Read, deceased, will, at the January term, 1887, of the Audrain Probate Court make my final settlement as administrator of said estate.

W. J. JESSE, Administrator.

W. V. Walker, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, east side square.

Assignee's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given to all creditors of the estate of Sarah E. Thomas, deceased, for the purpose of administering the same.

W. H. HESTON, Assignee of said estate.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT--NOTICE is hereby given that I, as administrator of the estate of S. J. Brockman, deceased, will, at the January term, 1887, of the Audrain Probate Court make my final settlement as administrator of said estate.

J. H. HESTON, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice. I HAVE this day taken charge of the estate of Sarah E. Thomas, deceased, for the purpose of administering the same.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from this date they will be forever barred.

This 15th day of Oct., 1886. WARREN H. MCINTIRE, Administrator.

## Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF AUDRAIN.

In the circuit court Oct. term, 1886.

Charles C. H. Prochnow, plaintiff, vs. Hulda J. Prochnow, defendant.

NOW, at this day, comes the plaintiff, by his attorney, and files his petition, stating among other things that the said defendant, Hulda J. Prochnow, is a non-resident of the state, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that service cannot be had in the ordinary way, it is hereby ordered by the court that publication be made, notifying said defendant that suit has been commenced against her in the circuit court of Audrain county, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to procure a divorce; and unless the defendant, Hulda J. Prochnow, be and appear at the next term of said court, to be held at the court house in the City of Mexico, Audrain county, Mo., the 4th Monday in January, A. D. 1887, and on or before the 6th day thereof, answer or otherwise plead to said petition, judgment will be rendered according to the prayer of said petition, and further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the *Mexico Lancer*, a newspaper published in said county of Audrain, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the commencement of the next term of said court.

### STATE OF MISSOURI.

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In the circuit court within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of the Order of Publication, Charles C. H. Prochnow vs. Hulda J. Prochnow, as fully and as amply as the same now remains on file of record in my office.

[SEAL] Witness my hand and official seal, done at office in the City of Mexico, County and State aforesaid this 22d day of Oct., A. D. 1886.

BEN C. JOHNSON, Clerk.

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W. L. Moss, plaintiff, assignee of C. A. Smith, vs. Lewis Raghannhardt, defendant.

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D. D. James, plaintiff, vs. M. W. McHattion, Bettie W. McHattion, G. G. McHattion, defendants.

NOW on this day comes the plaintiff, by his attorney, W. O. Fortes, and it appearing by plaintiff's petition here-with filed, stating among other things that the defendants, Bettie W. McHattion and G. G. McHattion, are non-residents of the state of Missouri, and that service cannot be had in the ordinary way, it is by the court ordered that publication be made notifying said non-resident defendants that suit has been commenced against them in the circuit court of Audrain county, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a suit for damages for malicious arrest, &c., and unless the non-resident defendants be and appear at the next term of said court, to be held at the court house in the City of Mexico, Audrain county, Mo., on or before the 6th day thereof, answer or otherwise plead to said petition, judgment will be rendered according to the prayer of said petition. It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the *Mexico Lancer*, a newspaper published in said county of Audrain, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the commencement of the next term of said court.

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